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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED NOVEMBER 17, 2004

Dear Sir:

This Reply is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on November 17, 2004 in connection with the above-identified patent application.

The Examiner requires restriction to one of the following three groups of claims:

Group I – Claims 1-19, drawn to Format Transformation, classified in class 715, subclass 523.

Group II – Claims 20-34, drawn to Pattern Matching, classified in class 707, subclass 6.

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Group III – Claims 35-37, drawn to File Allocation, classified in class 707, subclass 205


Applicants' representative hereby elects with traverse Group I (Claims 1-19, drawn to Format Transformation, classified in class 715, subclass 523) for further prosecution on the merits.

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Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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